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Exford. Miss.

March. 13, 1877.

My Dear Mother and Father.

Here I am again and I hope that you have by this time received my report and have quit quarrelling over it.

And now for an inventory of money spent.

I think Meyer is mistaken about my having 68. Dollars.

He gave me fifty Dollars on the station out at Bland and I already had my expenses on the way to Exford. And some five dollars more. Perhaps 3 or 4. The following is from my account book - for January and February.

Bought to end of month	17. \$
paper and toilet articles	2.75
Washing 4	1.50
Miscellaneous	6.50

I told you about this nearly a
month ago.

February. Leads off with-

- books, paper etc. 12.50

pair cuff buttons. 2.00

pair gloves. 1.00

pair overshoes. 1.30

pair shoes. 3.50

alarm clock. 1.00

Washing. 1.50

To this add over three
dollars for society, for fine
musical tunes.

Total for both months of 48.50.

which from perhaps 55 or 60 dollars
leaves eight or nine unaccounted for.

Every thing in February was
necessary save perhaps the cuff-buttons
And as nearly all my cuffs are
built for link buttons and I wanted
to keep those you gave me Xmas
unaccounted I purchased them.

You keep on talking about
the annual being a paper or pamphlet
It is to be a cloth bound book with
a history of the V of M. Class histories

Fraternity pictures, photographs
of all the buildings of the University,
and a hundred and one little
things filling up 850 or there hundred
7x9 pages. My drawings will
occupy the most conspicuous place
almost in the book, being designs
for all the different departments
such as Athletic Training, etc, and the
Frontispiece. Four or five will be
full page illustrations. This book
will be sent in exchange to all
the big colleges and universities and
as drawings are one of the principal
features of an annual it may
tempt me some to do my best
work upon it for those who will
be in the arena when I go to Boston
or New York might possibly know
who I was. When I need help
work.

You seem to be hurt at what
I said about getting money from
home. I am certainly sorry I said
it, not that I meant any thing
by it, ^{for I did not} but because you took it
entirely in the wrong spirit. I merely
meant it as a joke because the
saying was a common one here
in Oxford.

I'm speaking of my correspondents.

My dearly beloved in Shelly and
I had a row and when I
wrote saying the correspondence was
off I had just written her a
letter which wound up by saying
that if she did not answer in a certain
length of time she need not write at all.

I got my answer in a very
few days but after writing to you.

Every one is off at Church to night
and the "Little Seminary" is as still as

a mouse.

How is the river; I saw
by to-days paper that all the
country off from Memphis and
the water still rising.

Have any tracks occurred near
home yet.

I certainly hope the river
will work us well this spring
just as things are looking a little
brighter.

Well, I have a lesson or two
to get up and so I must say - good
-night -

from your living son

James Edmunds

Dear Cousin Lillie.

And so Mrs. Eggeston would not
go to the home. Did you see my beloved,
Miss Derrick? She says she was at the dance.
Kiss little Richard for me - Affectionately, James.

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1897



Mrs. J. E. Annonds.
Bolivar
Miss.